

9 January 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT: Proposed Remaining Line of March on Your Annual Report (U)

1. Action Requested: That you react to our editing of your draft thoughts on 1978 in intelligence, and settle on a line of march to finish up this project. ☐

2. Background:

a. We will substitute your thoughts for our draft Part I on 1978 in intelligence. Attached is a somewhat smoothed-up version of your draft with an odd error or two corrected, a couple of additional points inserted, and a politically tricky passage or two finessed. Please do any further improving you wish. I have circulated it to the NFIB principals as a courtesy and a further check on accuracy, as well as to Les Dirks, John McMahon, and your counsel as you requested. ☐

b. It should be fairly easy to do an unclassified Annual Report from this draft; my staff will proceed with that, working with George Thibault, as soon as we are on track with a classified version to meet the HPSCI's 25 January deadline. ☐

c. (The only specified Congressional topic for Annual Report coverage that gets left out is INR's work. That discussion we will attach to Congressional copies along with the reports on the several special topics the HPSCI requested in conjunction with the Annual Report.) ☐

d. As for discussion of the issues of special concern in Part II, we will compress these. I myself think that they would do their work, educating key Executive and Congressional readers who monitor and approve the work of intelligence in some of these complex matters, more effectively if the shortened issues discussion were within your Annual Report as Part II where it is more likely to be read, rather than appended. ☐

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